

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend ¶ 0007 as in the printed publication version of the Specification as follows:

In order to solve the above object of the present invention, the information recording medium ~~according to claim 1~~ is provided with: a plurality of record information recording areas (an OPC area, a user data area, a spare area, or the like) for recording therein record information; a management information recording area (a management area or the like) for recording therein a plurality of management information, each of which manages respective one of the plurality of record information recording areas; and a reliability information recording area (a management area or the like) for recording therein a plurality of reliability information (a reliability flag group or the like), each of which indicates reliability of whether or not respective one of the plurality of management information (space bitmap information or the like) is correctly updated.

Please amend ¶ 0008 as in the printed publication version of the Specification as follows:

In order to solve the above object of the present invention, the information recording apparatus ~~according to claim 9~~ is an information recording apparatus provided with: a recording device capable of recording the record information onto

the information recording medium ~~according to claim 1~~; a reading device for reading the reliability information from the reliability information recording area; a determining device for determining the management information corresponding to the reliability information read by the reading device; and a controlling device for controlling the recording device to record the record information on the basis of the determined management information.

Please amend ¶ 0009 as in the printed publication version of the Specification as follows:

In order to solve the above object of the present invention, the information recording apparatus ~~according to claim 11~~ is an information recording apparatus for recording record information onto an information recording medium provided with: a plurality of record information recording areas for recording therein the record information; a management information recording area for recording therein a plurality of management information, each of which manages respective one of the plurality of record information recording areas; and an inconsistency flag recording area for recording therein an inconsistency flag indicating whether or not each of the plurality of management information is correctly updated, the information recording apparatus provided with: a record information recording device for recording the record

information; a management information recording device for recording the management information; and an inconsistency flag recording device for recording the inconsistency flag, the inconsistency flag recording device recording one symbol information indicating an inconsistency condition as the inconsistency flag before starting the recording by the management information recording device.

Please amend ¶ 0010 as in the printed publication version of the Specification as follows:

In order to solve the above object of the present invention, the information recording method ~~according to claim 13~~ is an information recording method in an information recording apparatus provided with a recording device capable of recording the record information onto the information recording medium ~~according to claim 1~~, the information recording method provided with: a reading process of reading the reliability information from the reliability information recording area; a determining process of determining the management information corresponding to the reliability information read by the reading process; and a controlling process of controlling the recording device to record the record information on the basis of the determined management information.

Please amend ¶ 0011 as in the printed publication

version of the Specification as follows:

In order to solve the above object of the present invention, the information recording method ~~according to claim 15~~ is an information recording method in an information recording apparatus for recording record information onto an information recording medium provided with: a plurality of record information recording areas for recording therein the record information; a management information recording area for recording therein a plurality of management information, each of which manages respective one of the plurality of record information recording areas; and an inconsistency flag recording area for recording therein an inconsistency flag indicating whether or not each of the plurality of management information is correctly updated, the information recording method provided with: a record information recording process of recording the record information; a management information recording process of recording the management information; and an inconsistency flag recording process of recording the inconsistency flag, the inconsistency flag recording process recording one symbol information indicating an inconsistency condition as the inconsistency flag before starting the recording by the management information recording device.

Please amend ¶ 0012 as in the printed publication version of the Specification as follows:

In order to solve the above object of the present invention, the computer program ~~according to claim 17~~ is a computer program of instructions for tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a computer provided in the information recording apparatus ~~according to any one of claims 9 to 12~~, to make the computer function as at least one portion of the reading device, the determining device, the controlling device, and the recording device.